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Transportation, Energy and Utilities Committee of the City Council

Wednesday, February 9, 2011 at 5:30 PM

Main Conference Room, 645 Pine Street

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Members present: Chair, Karen Paul
Kurt Wright

Others present: Councilor Bill Keogh, Kirsten Merriman-Shapiro (Community and Economic Development Office), Robert McEwing (Director of Aviation), Heather Kendrew (Airport Director of Maintenance and Engineering), Tamara Gagne (Airport Director of Finance and Administration), Steve Goodkind (DPW Director), Pat Buteau (DPW Assistant Director of Traffic and Parking Services), Peter Potts (Planning Commission Chair), David White (Planning & Zoning Director), Chapin Spencer (Local Motion / CCTA Board), Eugene Bergman (City Attorney)

Chair Paul called the meeting to order at 5:46. Wright and Paul in attendance.

I. Agenda

Losch: add item for Kirsten Merriman-Shapiro (CEDO)

Paul: add item as 1.5

Wright moved to accept as amended. Paul second.

II. Item 1.5: Grant Application for Downtown Transportation Fund

Shapiro: state funding can provide match for Waterfront Access North. Downtown Development Act requires resolution for grant application. Would provide \$75,000 but is only approval to apply; no guarantee it will be awarded.

Paul: will provide resolution. Co-sponsor Wright.

All in favor.

III. Public Forum

None.

IV. Minutes of January 19, 2011

Wright moved to accept. Paul second.

V. Burlington International Airport 2030 Vision, presented by Robert McEwing (Burlington International Airport)

McEwing: FAA requires Master Plan. Last update for Burlington was 1990. Current update by same consulting firm. Began update in 2008 for 20 year vision. Passengers and flights per day have been increasing since 2002. Plan recommends improvements for terminal and airside elements: terminal expansion, parking/circulation, space for hotel, runway expansion/modification, new exit from I-89 direct to airport (decrease reliance on Rt 2 and decrease airport traffic in neighborhood). \$250 million cost estimate; 3 phases for implementation. Estimate half of funding will be Federal. Will submit plan to FAA in spring 2011. South Burlington City Manager and City Council President have been involved in update; May presentation planned at their City Council. CCMPO Route 2 study only relates to airport in plans to widen Airport Dr; smaller recommendations being pursued by South Burlington.

VI. Burlington International Airport Parking Garage Request for Proposals, presented by Tamara Gagne (Burlington International Airport)

Gagne: March 2010 shuttle operations operator's employment was terminated; operation now run by temp employees. New contract would include ground services staff, garage facility staff, and shuttle operations. Bid process to ensure competitiveness and audit coverage. Hope DPW to remain involved and bid. March 15 RFP date for April submittals; hope to adjust budget before fiscal year starts.

Goodkind: Relationship of garage parking to DPW Traffic Program: agreement for 5% of gross (is \$250,000); \$650,000 provided and used for garage operations/expenses and offsets crossing guard program. DPW only needs \$215,000 - \$225,000 to maintain crossing guard program and wants contract with Airport for actual program amount, not 5% or other amount. Unsure how bid process would affect union contracts, benefits, etc. Feels DPW benefit package would not be competitive.

Further communication relating to bid process and DPW involvement should be at Airport Commission.

VII. Colchester Avenue Corridor Study Update, presented by Nicole Losch

2nd public meeting held February 3, 2011. Good attendance. Agenda: comment on long term strategy concepts, obtain suggestions for mid-block crossing locations and treatments to access Trinity Campus, comment on goals and vision for corridor study. Long term concepts between Prospect Street and East Avenue include either 3 vehicle lanes or 4; between East Avenue and Mill Street include 2 vehicle lanes and potential parking; all concepts include continuous bike lanes and sidewalks. Long term concept for Prospect/Pearl Street intersection: realign South Prospect Street by shifting the roadway to the west to line up with North Prospect Street (outside of city property, expands UVM Green); roundabout considered but rejected – would encroach on two existing buildings. Long term concept for Mill Street/Barrett Street/Riverside Avenue

intersection: remove easternmost traffic signal, move westbound and Riverside Avenue traffic signals to Barrett Street/Riverside only, fill in section of re-routed Riverside Avenue (potential pocket park) ; roundabout considered but rejected – would encroach on four existing buildings and Winooski riverbank. Next steps: evaluate long term strategies (February – April), draft plan (May), public meeting for draft plan (early June), final plan (July). All concepts still under consideration.

Intersection concepts were not included in Colchester Avenue Demonstration Project plans; demo was for short-term improvements only. Additional data for demo project will be collected in early spring and presented after analysis.

VIII. Transportation Plan

Paul: Burlington Business Association comments received in mid-afternoon (attached). Bergman's revisions approved at January 19 TEUC meeting.

Potts: doesn't think Planning Commission would be opposed to BBA-proposed changes.

White: revise BBA revision #3 to say "evaluate" rather than just "infrastructure to accommodate"

Spencer: concern that BBA suggested revision #2 needs more background and could be interpreted to support/disprove Transportation Management Association concept.

Wright moved to accept BBA revision #1, remove BBA revision #2, accept BBA revision #3 with White's revisions.

Bergman: suggest amend motion to send to Planning Commission then City Council's March 7 meeting. Paul second.

7:11 Wright moved to adjourn. Paul second.